



Statement of Purpose and Function Policy

Policy Statement

The purpose of Grace Park Montessori Pre-School is to provide quality, affordable early education to children aged 2.7 years to 6 years in the local community in a warm and caring environment. It is not a creche or a child-minding service. It is a private educational service and is classified as a sessional service under the *Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016*. It is open for 38 weeks per year from September to June. We can cater for up to 22 children in a session. We operate a ratio of up to 11 children to 1 teacher.

Principle

This policy is underwritten by the *Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016*.

Rationale

Grace Park Montessori pre-school service is aimed at the early years of the educational process and is inspired by the combined educational philosophies of Dr Maria Montessori and the DES Aistear and Síolta programmes. The primary emphasis is on developing the unique and individual potential of every child who attends the service. It is based upon a holistic model of child development whereby all aspects of the personality of the child—social, physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and psychological—are nurtured and encouraged to develop.

Setting Details

Name of Setting:	Grace Park Montessori
Address:	74 Grace Park Heights, Drumcondra, Dublin 9
Eircode:	DO9 EOA5
Contact Person:	Ms Józefa (Jo) Chrobak
Position:	Directress /Main Teacher
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Setting:	Modern and bright open plan facility comprising a class room, a play area, an outdoor garden area and a dedicated children's bathroom for independent toilet use. The facility is equipped extensively with age-appropriate materials for activities and learning.
Type of Setting:	Sessional (as described above)
Nature of Setting:	Private
Curriculum:	A combination of Montessori and DES Aistear and Sialta
Weeks open:	38 per annum
Hours:	The pre-school service operates from 08.30 to 12 noon and from 12.45 to 15.45, Monday to Friday.
Numbers:	2 full-time staff and up to 22 children in each session. Children aged from 2.7 to 6 years
Person Responsible:	Jozefa (Jo) Chrobak

Jozefa Chrobak
Directress

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